

Chief Judge Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

HUAWEI DEVICE CO., LTD., and  
HUAWEI DEVICE USA, INC.,

Defendants.

NO. CR19-0010RSM

**PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING  
DISCOVERY MATERIALS**

This matter came before the Court on the government's consent Motion for Protective Order. The Court finds that good cause has been shown and orders as follows:

1. This Protective Order governs the production or disclosure of any record or information designated as "Confidential Materials" and produced by a party or its agent ("Furnishing Party") to another party ("Receiving Party") during the course of discovery, pretrial proceedings, or trial in this action, including material provided to the government in response to a subpoena.

2. In prior civil discovery in *T-Mobile USA Inc. v. Huawei Device USA Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ, the parties T-Mobile USA Inc. ("TMO") and Huawei Device USA Inc. ("Huawei USA") produced documents that were subject to a Protective Order. In that matter, certain documents were designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS'

1 EYES ONLY.” “CONFIDENTIAL” was defined as non-public testimony, information,  
2 documents, and data that constitute confidential business, technical, or personal information.  
3 “CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” was defined as non-public testimony,  
4 information, documents, and data that constitute confidential business or technical information,  
5 which the Furnishing Party reasonably believes to be highly sensitive because it contains  
6 proprietary business, technical, or competitive information. All discovery materials that contain  
7 these prior confidentiality designations will be deemed “Confidential Materials” for purposes of  
8 this Protective Order.

9       3. To the extent that either party believes in good faith that any other materials that  
10 the party produces in discovery may constitute trade secrets and/or confidential and proprietary  
11 business information, the Furnishing Party may designate the material as “Confidential  
12 Materials.”

13       4. Any documents, material, or information designated CONFIDENTIAL or  
14 CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY in *T-Mobile USA Inc. v. Huawei Device USA*  
15 *Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ, will be produced with the same designations in this case. In the case of  
16 any other written, tangible, or documentary discovery material designated as Confidential  
17 Materials, the Furnishing Party shall stamp each page of the document “Confidential Materials –  
18 Subject to Protective Order” in a manner that is readily distinguishable from any pre-existing  
19 confidential designation. While each page of a confidential document and its attachments should  
20 be marked, it shall be assumed that a confidential designation on the first page of a document  
21 indicates the same confidential designation for the entire document and its attachments, unless  
22 otherwise noted. Where electronic files or documents are produced in a format that makes  
23 stamping inconvenient or impossible, such files and documents may be designated by appending  
24 to the file names a designation indicating that the file contains Confidential Materials. Such files  
25 or documents may also be designated in a manner that allows them to be identified by review of  
26 the files themselves (e.g., in a data field), and may be produced on separate media based on the  
27 designation as Confidential Materials. All “CONFIDENTIAL,” “CONFIDENTIAL—  
28 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY,” and “Confidential Materials – Subject to Protective Order”

1 markings are for pre-trial use only and all such markings will be removed from any documents  
2 used in trial and/or shown to jurors in this matter.

3         5.       The parties understand and agree that since this Protective Order is primarily  
4 intended to facilitate production of discovery materials and pretrial discussions, negotiations,  
5 analysis, and preparation, the defendants and their counsel may choose not to formally challenge  
6 the designation of certain material as confidential at the pre-trial stage. Moreover, the parties  
7 agree that the confidentiality designations in *T-Mobile USA Inc. v. Huawei Device USA Inc.*,  
8 14CV-1351RAJ, are not binding at trial in this matter. Any failure to challenge the confidential  
9 designations of documents produced in discovery does not constitute a waiver by any defendant  
10 of the right to challenge that confidential designation at a later time nor does it constitute a  
11 waiver by any defendant of the right to contest that all or any portion(s) of any documents  
12 designated as confidential constitutes “trade secret” information.

13         6.       All Confidential Materials as defined herein shall be used solely for the purpose  
14 of this action (including pre-trial investigation, trial preparation, trial, and appeal) and shall not  
15 be used for any other purpose. Confidential Materials, except materials that were marked  
16 “CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” in *T-Mobile USA Inc. v. Huawei Device USA*  
17 *Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ, shall be disclosed only to:

18               a.       The attorneys of record in this action and their employees or contractors  
19 (such as photocopy services) who are assisting them in this action;

20               b.       Independent Experts who have been retained by the party or its attorneys  
21 for this action, provided that each Independent Expert first executes an acknowledgment,  
22 attached hereto as Exhibit A;

23               c.       The parties (including officers, directors, in-house attorneys, outside  
24 counsel for Huawei, or employees of the parties, as well as law enforcement personnel and  
25 employees and contractors of the Department of Justice) who require the information to assist in  
26 or evaluate this action, provided that they are advised of and bound by the provisions of this  
27 Protective Order;

1 d. The Court and persons associated with or employed by the Court whose  
2 duties require access to the information;

3 e. The author of the document, any person identified as a recipient of the  
4 document on its face, or any person who actually received it;

5 f. Individuals who the parties are considering in good faith to be witnesses at  
6 trial and their counsel provided that they are advised of and bound by the provisions of this  
7 Protective Order; and

8 g. Graphics or design services retained by the parties or counsel who first  
9 execute an "Acknowledgement," attached hereto as Exhibit A.

10 Materials that were marked "CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" in *T-Mobile USA*  
11 *Inc. v. Huawei Device USA Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ shall be disclosed only to the individuals  
12 identified in subparagraphs 6(a), 6(b), and 6(d)-(g) above, as well as to (i) the Defendants' in-  
13 house attorneys, support staff, and others, including paralegals, legal assistants, and secretaries,  
14 (ii) Defendants' outside counsel in other matters who require the information to evaluate this  
15 action or advise the Defendants in other matters, and (iii) law enforcement personnel and  
16 employees and contractors of the Department of Justice, who require the information to assist in  
17 or evaluate this action, provided that they are advised of and bound by the provisions of this  
18 Protective Order.

19 7. The parties agree to designate Confidential Materials in good faith. If any party  
20 objects to the designation of any information or material as Confidential Materials, including the  
21 prior designation of materials as CONFIDENTIAL or CONFIDENTIAL-ATTORNEYS' EYES  
22 ONLY in *T-Mobile USA Inc. v. Huawei Device USA Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ (the "Challenged  
23 Materials"), the party shall so state the objection by letter or statement ("notice") to counsel for  
24 the person making the designation. Any such notice shall identify with specificity the  
25 Challenged Materials to which the objection is directed. The objecting party is not required to  
26 immediately object to a confidentiality designation, and failure to immediately object does not  
27 waive the right to object to a designation in the future. Counsel shall confer in good faith in an  
28 attempt to resolve any disputes concerning such designation. If the status of the Challenged

1 Materials cannot be resolved within five (5) business days after the notice is furnished, the  
2 objecting party may file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court rule that the Challenged  
3 Materials should not be designated as Confidential Materials. Although the party making the  
4 designation shall have the burden of proving the appropriateness of the objection, the Challenged  
5 Materials will be treated as Confidential Materials pending the Court's ruling on such motion.

6 8. Where only a part of the Confidential Materials furnished or produced by a party  
7 or a part of the transcript of any deposition is designated as Confidential Materials, counsel for  
8 the party receiving such Confidential Materials or transcript shall redact Confidential Materials  
9 before disclosing such Confidential Materials or transcript to any person other than qualified  
10 persons as designated in Paragraph 6.

11 9. Nothing herein shall prevent the parties from using the Confidential Materials or  
12 from referring to, quoting, or reciting from any information contained in such Confidential  
13 Materials in connection with pleadings or motions filed in this case, provided that the pleadings  
14 or motions redact all such references and quotations to Confidential Materials, and the  
15 unredacted motions and any exhibits reflecting Confidential Materials be filed under seal and/or  
16 submitted to the Court for in camera inspection. The procedures for the use of Confidential  
17 Materials at trial or pre- or post-trial hearings will be resolved at or before the time of the trial or  
18 hearing.

19 10. If a third or non-party witness provides documents in this litigation, such third  
20 party may designate such information as Confidential Materials in the same manner as if the  
21 third party were a party to this action and this Protective Order. In addition, any party may  
22 likewise choose to designate any such third party information in accordance with this Protective  
23 Order. All parties will treat such information or documents as Confidential Materials pursuant to  
24 the terms of this Protective Order. All third or non-party witness designations shall be subject to  
25 challenge in the same manner as designations by parties, pursuant to the procedures in  
26 Paragraph 7.

27 11. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if a Furnishing Party discovers  
28 that Confidential Materials have been inadvertently produced without being marked with the

1 appropriate designation, the Furnishing Party may notify the Receiving Party and require the  
2 Receiving Party to retrieve and return any unmarked or incorrectly marked Confidential  
3 Materials, and to substitute therefore appropriately marked Confidential Materials, provided that  
4 the Furnishing Party notifies the Receiving Party after learning of such inadvertent failure. Upon  
5 receipt of such notification from the Furnishing Party, the Receiving Party shall not thereafter  
6 disclose any such Confidential Materials or any information contained therein to any persons  
7 who are not qualified persons as designated in Paragraph 6. Even before receiving a notification  
8 from the Furnishing Party, if the Receiving Party believes the Furnishing Party inadvertently  
9 produced Confidential Materials without a designation, then the Receiving Party will notify the  
10 Furnishing Party. The Receiving Party will treat such potentially confidential material as  
11 appropriately designated for a reasonable period of time while awaiting a response from the  
12 Furnishing Party. The Receiving Party will not be in violation of this Order with respect to any  
13 prior disclosure or use of such Confidential Materials done prior to receiving notice of an  
14 inadvertent disclosure, provided that the Receiving Party had no reason to believe the material  
15 was inadvertently produced without a designation and provided that such use is otherwise  
16 consistent with the terms of this Order.

17 12. In the event of an inadvertent disclosure of Confidential Materials by a Receiving  
18 Party, the Receiving Party shall upon learning of the disclosure:

19 a. immediately notify the person(s) to whom the disclosure was made that it  
20 contains Confidential Materials subject to this Order;

21 b. immediately make all reasonable efforts to recover the information as well  
22 as preclude further dissemination or use by the person to whom disclosure was inadvertently  
23 made; and

24 c. within five (5) days, notify the Furnishing Party of the identity of the  
25 person to whom disclosure was inadvertently made, the circumstances surrounding disclosure,  
26 and the steps taken to recover the information and the steps taken to insure against the  
27 dissemination or use of the information.

1           13.     If data or information has been extracted from a document or other Confidential  
2 Materials which is subsequently reclassified pursuant to Paragraph 11 above, to the extent  
3 possible and where necessary, the extracted information and/or data will be expunged promptly  
4 and not used. However, to the extent that, prior to being notified of the inadvertent  
5 misdesignation of Confidential Materials, the Receiving Party uses in good faith such  
6 information and/or data in documents filed with the Court, the Parties agree that exhibits,  
7 testimony, or any other information will be re-designated appropriately, but need not be  
8 expunged.

9           14.     This Protective Order pertains only to Confidential Materials provided by the  
10 party or third-party producing it and does not limit the use or disclosure of materials which have  
11 been obtained by any party from any other source lawfully possessing such information and not  
12 in violation of any obligation of confidentiality with respect thereto.

13           15.     Within ninety (90) days of the final conclusion of this litigation and any final  
14 appeal thereof, all persons subject to the terms hereof shall destroy or assemble and return to the  
15 Furnishing Party all Confidential Materials; except that the government may keep a copy of all  
16 court filings, discovery, and other matter, as a record in the event of a collateral challenge to the  
17 judgment and/or other future litigation.

18           16.     Nothing herein shall prevent any party, on notice to the other party, from  
19 requesting a modification of the terms of this Protective Order.

20           17.     The entry of this Order, or producing or receiving Confidential Materials or  
21 otherwise complying with the terms of this Order shall not prejudice in any way the rights of a  
22 Furnishing Party to object to the production of information on any other grounds, including but  
23 not limited to, grounds of irrelevance or privilege.

24           18.     Nothing in this Protective Order bars or otherwise restricts any outside counsel of  
25 record for the parties from rendering advice to his client with respect to this litigation and, in the  
26 course thereof, relying upon his or her examination of Confidential Materials, provided that no  
27 disclosure of the substance of any such information will be made except to persons permitted  
28 access to Confidential Materials as provided in this Protective Order.

1           19. As for the portions of the trial record in *T-Mobile USA Inc. v. Huawei Device*  
2 *USA Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ, that are under seal, these materials can be possessed, used, and  
3 disclosed as discovery by the parties, and may be disclosed to the individuals identified in  
4 paragraph 6 in the same manner as Confidential Materials. The materials will otherwise remain  
5 under seal during the pre-trial phase of this case. Any such materials that are filed with the Court  
6 and any motions referencing such materials shall be filed under seal, according to the procedures  
7 in Paragraph 9. The procedures for the use of the portions of the trial record in *T-Mobile USA*  
8 *Inc. v. Huawei Device USA Inc.*, 14CV-1351RAJ, that are under seal at trial or pre- or post-trial  
9 hearings in this matter will be resolved at or before the time of the trial or hearing.

10           20. Each of the parties named above and their counsel of record undertakes to abide  
11 by and be bound by these provisions and to use due care to see that these provisions are known  
12 and adhered to by those under its supervision or control. This Order is binding on any  
13 successor(s) of the parties to this Action and their counsel of record.

14           21. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this  
15 prosecution.

16           22. Any intentional violation of any term or condition of this Order by the  
17 Defendants, the attorneys of record, any member of the defense team, any attorney for the United  
18 States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington, or any law enforcement  
19 personnel and employees and contractors of the Department of Justice may be held in contempt  
20 of court, and/or may be subject to monetary or other sanctions as deemed appropriate by this  
21 Court.

22           DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

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26 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
27 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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